## Footsteps2Brilliance Closes the Education Gap with First of Its Kind Virtual Summer School

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While the world is frantically looking for a Corona Virus vaccine, Footsteps2Brilliance is closing the education gap with a bilingual, fully interactive, <u>Virtual Summer School</u> for Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

Footsteps2Brilliance, already used in more than 42,000 classrooms nationwide, announced today that it is releasing a Virtual Summer School Solution to help districts close the education gap created by the recent pandemic.

All students will need to make up lost instructional time this summer. Footsteps2Brilliance has created a Turnkey Virtual Summer School Program that will alleviate the stress for teachers, students, and parents, while providing all PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with an engaging summer school experience that will prepare them for the next academic year.

The release of the *Virtual Summer School* program provides high-quality digital curriculum in English and Spanish. Parents can access the program through the smartphones, tablets, and computers that they already own. The organization also ensures equity access for families with limited or no Internet connectivity.

"Our team has been working around the clock to build a solution that supports families and teachers with engaging content, easy implementation, and just-in-time help" says Footsteps2Brilliance CEO and Co-Founder, Ilene Rosenthal. "We know the move to online learning has created a gap for many of our students and without the proper tools, they will

never catch up. Students typically fall behind during the summer months but because of school closures this spring, districts are likely to see this slide effect many more students without the benefit of summer school."

"The Virtual Summer School solution will be made available to teachers and families through school districts," says Footsteps2Brilliance COO Eugene Narciso. "It will provide weekly parent guidance, Family Friday activities, and a 24/7 bilingual help desk. Bilingual lessons will be delivered virtually by master teachers, and game-based formative assessments will allow schools and parents to track student progress."

## **About Footsteps2Brilliance**

Footsteps2Brilliance® is the breakthrough early learning solution that helps all children become proficient readers by 3rd grade. Our device agnostic Mobile Technology Platform allows school districts to leverage the mobile devices that parents already own to scale early literacy citywide.